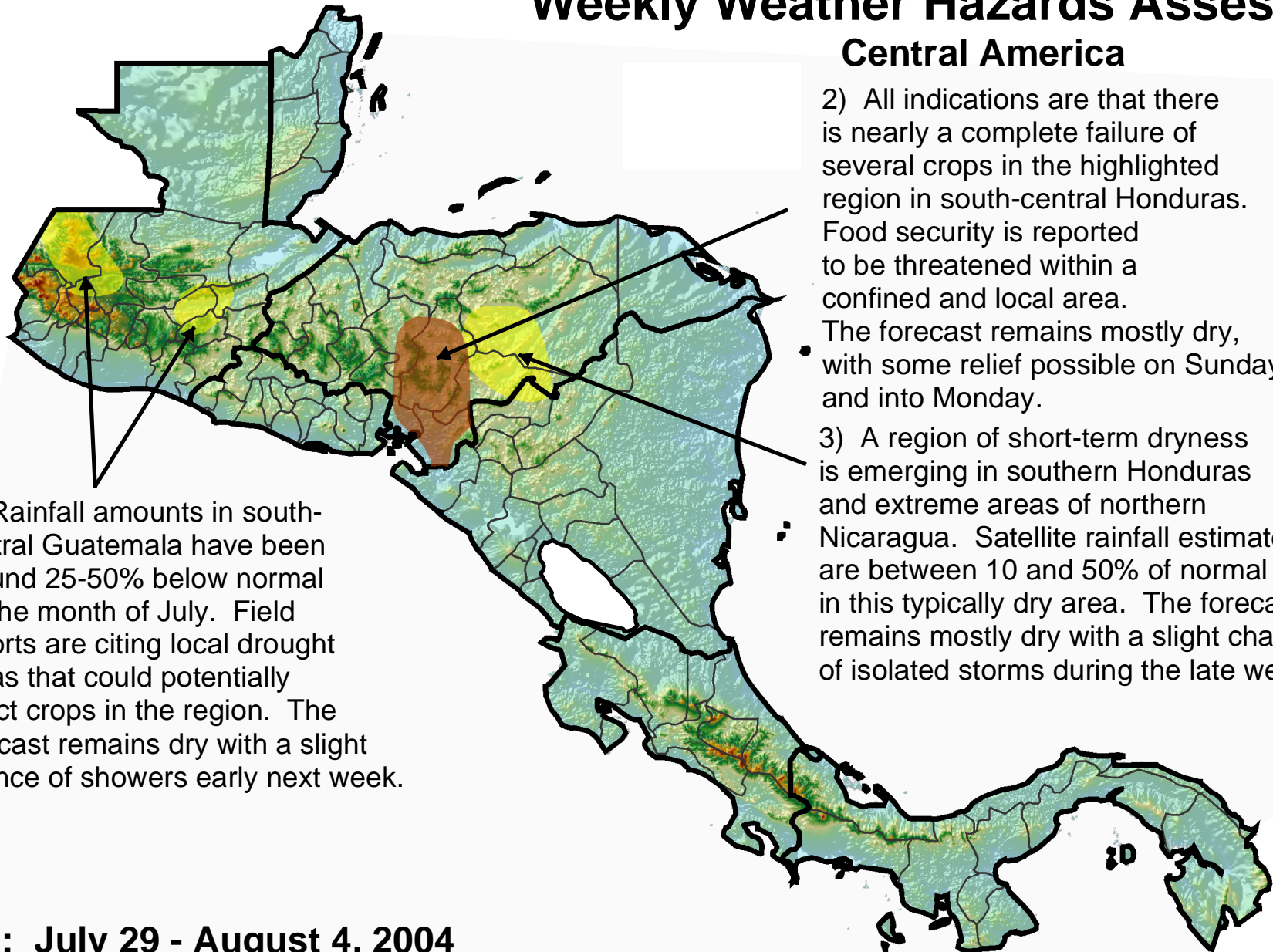


Weekly Weather Hazards Assessment

Central America



1) Rainfall amounts in south-central Guatemala have been around 25-50% below normal for the month of July. Field reports are citing local drought areas that could potentially affect crops in the region. The forecast remains dry with a slight chance of showers early next week.

- 2) All indications are that there is nearly a complete failure of several crops in the highlighted region in south-central Honduras. Food security is reported to be threatened within a confined and local area. The forecast remains mostly dry, with some relief possible on Sunday and into Monday.
- 3) A region of short-term dryness is emerging in southern Honduras and extreme areas of northern Nicaragua. Satellite rainfall estimates are between 10 and 50% of normal in this typically dry area. The forecast remains mostly dry with a slight chance of isolated storms during the late weekend.

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